

Submission of Replacement Drawings

Submitted herewith are replacement drawing sheets for Figs. 1 and 19. Replacement Fig. 1 is submitted herewith in order to correct reference numeral "23F" to --22F-- so as to correspond to the description at lines 19-22 of page 5 of the original specification, and also so as to correspond to Fig. 5. Replacement Fig. 19 is submitted so as to label Fig. 19 as "Prior Art".

Approval and entry of these replacement drawings of Figs. 1 and 19 are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 7, 18 and 19 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-26 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to make grammatical and idiomatic improvements in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Initially, on page 3 of the Office Action under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter", the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 1-26 are allowed. It is noted that a few minor revisions have been made to improve the English grammar and U.S. form of the claims, but the substance of the claims has not been changed.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the abstract for exceeding 150 words. Accordingly, the abstract has been revised to improve its U.S. format and, in particular, to contain less than 150 words.

Also on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Fig. 19 should be labeled as "Prior Art". Accordingly, a replacement drawing sheet is submitted herewith for Fig. 19 so as to label Fig. 19 as "Prior Art".

In addition, a replacement Fig. 1 is submitted herewith in order to correct reference numeral "23F" to --22F-- so as to correspond to the description at lines 19-22 of page 5 of the original specification, and also so as to correspond to Fig. 5.

Approval and entry of these replacement Figs. 1 and 19 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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